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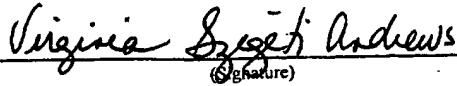
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INVENTION: BLAST RESISTANT AND BLAST DIRECTING CONTAINER ASSEMBLIES						
INVENTOR(s): IGOR PALLEY ET AL.						
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AMENDMENT

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REMARKS

Applicants note the withdrawal of the finality of the previous Office Action (P.N. 18) on the basis of the new grounds of rejection. Applicants further note the withdrawal of claims 12, 48-50 and 54-66 from consideration by the Examiner. The claims under consideration, therefore, are claims 1, 3-11, 13-47 and 51-53, all of which stand rejected by the Examiner.

The invention is a blast resistant container assembly and a blast directing container assembly, each of which comprises a container with blast mitigating material, preferably an aqueous foam, more preferably an aqueous foam having a density in the range of from about 0.01 to about 0.10 g/cm³, located therein. Some of the containers are collapsible. In one embodiment, the container comprises a plurality of faces that are connected at a common edge with fibrous material functioning as a hinge between the faces. In an alternate embodiment, the container is formed by a plurality of bands of specific orientation, at least one of which is formed of a blast resistant material. In the blast-directing embodiment, the container